



## **Resolution in Support of the Northern Extension of the Carolina Bays Parkway**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council for the Town of Sunset Beach, North Carolina supports the extension of the project in South Carolina that is approximately five (5) miles long and is estimated to cost \$185,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council for the Town of Sunset Beach, North Carolina supports the extension of the project in North Carolina that is approximately 8.5 miles long and is estimated to cost \$158,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing roadway combined with the northern extension of the Carolina Bays Parkway would give the region more than 40 miles of interstate quality roadway connecting to the southern portion of the Grand Strand with the southeastern portion of Brunswick County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council for the Town of Sunset Beach, North Carolina supports the substantial reduction in traffic on US 17 and associated local roads, enhancing safety and providing an additional line in the road network; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation computer modeling says that by 2035 the average daily traffic on the Carolina Bays Parkway will reach 37,000 vehicle trips; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2006 Feasibility Study Report completed under the guidance of the North Carolina Department of Transportation and South Carolina Department of Transportation provides documentation recommending the northern extension of the Carolina Bays Parkway; and

**WHEREAS**, the northern extension of the Carolina Bays Parkway project will improve overall mobility and safety by providing more direct and efficient movement of traffic that will be able to bypass the congestion of US 17 and avoid Hickman Road; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a more direct route for tourist and commerce from the Grand Strand to southeastern portions of Brunswick County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carolina Bays Parkway is an integral part of the future I-74 corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council for the Town of Sunset Beach, North Carolina are concerned that rapid growth in the region has put pressure on the existing network, evident in traffic counts and computer counts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carolina Bays Parkway Project will allow North Carolina and South Carolina to combine resources to benefit residents and tourist alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carolina Bays Parkway project scored well in SPOT 3.0 and with support from GSATS, Brunswick County, and NC DOT could possibly be funded in the statewide funding in SPOT 4.0.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **Town Council for the Town of Sunset Beach, North Carolina** adopts this Resolution Supporting the Northern Extension of the Carolina Bays Parkway.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

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Ronald Watts, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa H. Anglin, Town Clerk